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Ray Appeal Scheduled For Hearing July 29

LONDON (UPI)—A British court said today it will hear on July 29 James Earl Ray's appeal against extradition to the United States to stand trial in the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The surprise announcement was made when Ray appeared at Bow Street magistrate's court on charges of violating British gun and immigration laws.

Ray was ordered to appear again July 16 to answer to the charges of carrying a loaded .38-caliber pistol and two forged passports, which led to his arrest in the first place June 8.

It was expected Britain might ignore the charges if Ray is extradited.

Appearance Required

At the Bow Street court, Chief London Magistrate Frank Milton asked if a date had been set for the appeal in Queen's Bench Division of the High Court of Justice.

"Yes sir, July 29," a court official replied.

Ray, whose extradition was ordered a week ago, appeared in court today to meet a British legal requirement that prisoners appear before a magistrate every eight days while they are held.

The announcement on the extradition appeal had been unexpected as the appearance today was supposed to deal only with the gun and passport charges.

Ray, brought to court in a caravan of three police Jaguar cruisers, appeared under the name Ramon George Sneyd, the name listed on one of the two forged Canadian passports Scotland Yard detectives said they pulled from his coat along with the gun at Heathrow Airport.

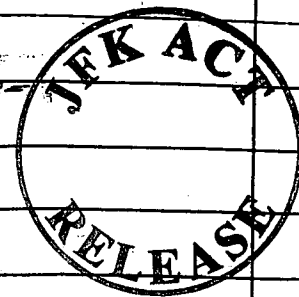
Less Than a Minute

It took Milton less than a minute to dispose of the gun and passport violations charges.

Milton asked Ray's lawyer, Michael Eugene, to appear in

his client why he had to keep returning to court to meet requirements of British law.

Eugene has another week to appeal the order that Ray be extradited to trial for the April 4 slaying of King in Memphis, Tenn.



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